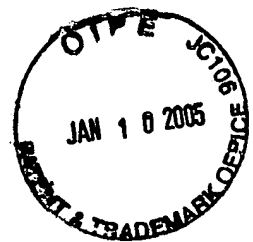


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### **ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, Applicant respectfully elects Species IVa described by the Examiner as Figures 7 and 8 without prejudice. All claims 35 through 64 are supported by the specification, including the written description and Figures 7 and 8 as elected. Claims 1 through 34 have previously been withdrawn without prejudice to any future or pending application covering the same or similar subject matter.

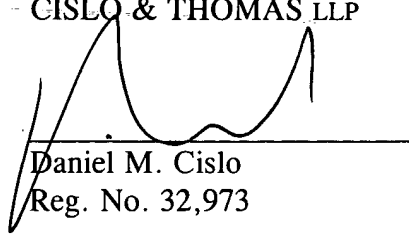
Having responded to each of the Examiner's concerns, Applicants assert that the application is now in condition for allowance and solicits such action. If a telephone interview will advance the allowance of the application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicants request the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

It is not believed that any fees are due; however, in the event any fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's attorney's deposit account no. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

CISLO & THOMAS LLP

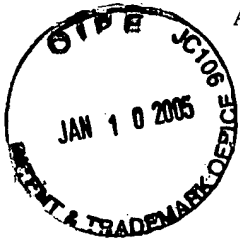
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